



# Gifford Park Neighborhood Association

528 N 32nd St., Omaha, NE 68131

341-4695



Chairman-Jim Windorski 341-4695

Vice Chairman-Chuck Kilgore 558-5000/341-2757

Secretary-Corky Grimes 345-3217

Treasurer-Ron Yates 558-6027

May 1990

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## DRUG FREE ZONE by Ron Yates

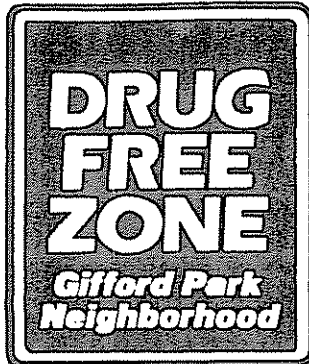
Gifford Park, as well as the entire city, realizes that gangs and drugs are serious problems. We feel that Gifford Park is unique in that our entire neighborhood lies within the one thousand foot drug free zone boundaries since schools such as Yates, Creighton, Nebraska College of Business, Cathedral, Duchesne, and the Teacher and Administrative Center have boundaries which overlap. The Gifford Park area may well be the educational center of Omaha.

It is important that we acknowledge that there is a drug problem and advise visitors that we consider our area to be a

Drug Free Zone. We have prepared a decal (3.5"x4") that may be displayed on doors, windows, bumpers, and school books, at homes, businesses and schools. This decal will not solve the drug problem, but it

will let people know how the Gifford Park community feels about the illegal use of drugs.

Persons wishing to obtain decals may contact any GPNA officer or member. A \$1.00 donation is being requested to offset the printing costs.



If you suspect drug activity in your neighborhood, please call the Narcotics Department at OPD (444-5681), in addition to 911.

**NEXT MEETING**

**VOTING ON REVISED BY-LAWS  
AND  
NEW OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

**THURSDAY, MAY 3, 7:00 P.M.**

**ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL  
SEMINAR ROOM**

**FREE PARKING**

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## YATES PTA ANNUAL SPRING CARNIVAL

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1990  
NOON TO 3:00 PM  
(HELD RAIN OR SHINE)  
YATES SCHOOL - 3260 DAVENPORT ST.

**! GAMES ! PRIZES ! FOOD ! FUN!**

**A NEIGHBORHOOD TRADITION**

**FOR OVER 50 YEARS**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT YATES STUDENTS**

**THROUGH THE PTA**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

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### P I C N I C -- MAY 19

WE WILL HAVE A PICNIC PLANNING MEETING ON APRIL 30. ANYONE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING OR HAS AN IDEA, PLEASE CALL MARGE HAWKINS AT 345-6494.

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### EASTER EGG HUNT WRAP UP

Our first annual GPNA Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success! We all had a great time and it was pure joy to watch our children using the park. Give a big hand to Loren Johnson of J-N-J Grocery for providing the Easter Bunny and an abundance of candy. No one went home empty handed! Hinky Dinky on Saddle Creek gave us cookies, Pettit's Pastry gave donuts, and 7-11 donated coffee and hot chocolate for our workers. A big thank you goes out to Judy Caban, Kathy Rose, Ann Kelly, Mrs. Kelly, Ruth Windorski, Sue Miyeno, Nancy Guff, Heather Phillips and Kent Windorski. A special mention to Mark Holzapfel and his family for joining us and bringing chocolate eggs for the kids. Mark is our school board representative. Thanks again to all of you for a very successful egg hunt.

Marge Hawkins  
Social Committee Chairperson

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE SOMEONE YOU KNOW FOR NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH, PLEASE CONTACT RON YATES AT 558-6027. THE PERSON DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF GPNA TO BE NOMINATED!!

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 3/25/90	\$1,859.95
Interest earned	21.47
Memberships (48)	144.00
Donations	68.00
Drug Free Decals	82.00
Salvage (clean-up)	<u>234.73</u>
	2,410.15
Marge Hawkins (Egg Hunt)	100.00
Newsletter	<u>33.44</u>
Balance 4/25/90	\$2,276.71

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### NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH APRIL

Our April Neighbor of the Month is Loren Johnson, owner of J-N-J Grocery, 3228 California Street. Since opening the grocery store in June of 1989, Loren has been very supportive of all neighborhood activities. Refreshments for our August garage sale were furnished by Loren. Hot dogs on the Gifford Park grill and drinks for our October mini-cleanup were donated by J-N-J. Spring has seen more contributions from Loren: Candy and eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 14 as well as hotdogs and drinks for the workers on cleanup day April 21. J-N-J is also sponsoring a Central Omaha Pony League Pinto team. Loren never says "NO" when called on for help with our neighborhood activities.

An Omahan since 1972, Loren is married and has 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls ranging from 9-16. Groceries have been Loren's livelihood all of his adult life having been with Safeway for 10 years, Albertson's for one year and Phil's Foodway for three years. He has been in business for himself since 1986 and at present has two grocery stores and a laundromat.

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Gifford Park Neighborhood Association, in conjunction with five other neighborhood groups, was the recipient of one of the 1990 Mayor's Partnership Awards. Chairman Jim Windorski and his wife, Ruth, accepted the award and plaque during a dinner held February 22, at the Omaha Marriott Hotel. The other five neighborhood groups included in this award were:

- Bemis Park Neighborhood Association*
- Leavenworth Neighborhood Association*
- Metcalfe Park Neighborhood Association*
- Millard Heights Homeowners Association*
- Benson Lions Park area residents*

The award program honors businesses, organizations, and individuals who have recently contributed to public-private partnership in economic development, housing, employment and training, and quality of life programs. This is the first year that neighborhood groups have been cited for their work with the Parks and Recreation Department according to Larry Foster, administrator in the Omaha Parks and Recreation Department.

Gifford Park improvements include having the bank seeded and rail fencing installed along 33rd Street, installing picnic tables and grills. A Master Plan Committee, chaired by Tom Rose, is currently forming a plan of action for improvements to Gifford Park in future years.

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### MEMBERSHIP NOTES

We wish to welcome the following new members to GPNA: Mark Bostick, Dave Chambers, Robert Eischeid, Pearl Exline, Mrs. Dave Gurney, Lance Herold, Krissa Lee-Regier, Ann Kudlacek, Jim O'Brien, Rita Sierralta, Ken Socha, David Swisher, Jim Thomas, and Rita Vail. Thanks to each and every one of you for your support. Our membership total 212!

It is imperative for everyone interested in GPNA to renew their memberships as our elections for new officers is June 7. Memberships expire on June 1, 1990 and without current membership you may not vote.

Mail your renewals to Ruth Windorski, 528 N. 32nd Street, Omaha, NE 68131. If paying by check, make check payable to GPNA. Your membership cards will be mailed in the first "Members-Only" newsletter following receipt of renewed or new membership.

Correction: Our apologies to Mark Otto and Hubert Reuss for misspelling your names in the last newsletter.

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### NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH MAY

Gifford Park Neighborhood Association wishes to salute the Omaha Police Division as our Neighbor of the Month for May. We have visited with Chief Skinner, Captain Crowley, Lt. Infantino, all our area sergeants, and officers in the course of the last few months. The meetings help both Gifford Park and the officers understand each others' concerns and helps them provide better service to this area.

We wish especially to acknowledge Sergeant Tom Zoucha who initiated the plan of officers attending our meetings.

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### CLEAN-SWEEP II DECLARED A SUCCESS!

April 21 was busy for the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association. Annual clean up day! Many people spent long hours to have a successful cleanup. There are some who deserve special recognition and thanks for their volunteer efforts.

Chris Lausterer, Ed Hendershot, Ron Yates, Tom Rose, Mark Bostick, and Butch Hendershot allowed us to use their personal pickup trucks to help reach neighbors who had no way of getting their trash to the containers.

Doug Stone, David Swisher, Mark Whitley, Roger Freeman, Bernie Sundberg, Jerry Rieger, Emily Wagoner, Leo Wilwerding, and Chris Foster who maintained their posts at both sites during the long hot day.

Wade Hawkins, Chris Sietzer, Kathy Rose, Becky Bostick, Sharon Walters, Farol Hendershot, Hank Morgan, Mike Schuman, Ross and Kent Windorski were available for all sorts of duties during the day.

As usual when we are making things happen we have donations. These came from Farol Hendershot, 7-11 Store, John Beard, and J-N-J Grocery in the form of food and drink. Many neighbors also donated useful items for the Association to sell when and if we have another garage sale. Some neighbors also donated cash to add to our coffers!

The list goes on but there is only one word to express our feelings to all who helped in some way ... THANKS!

The final total of containers filled in our two sites was 21. We also filled 5 city trucks that came to our rescue when the fog delayed the emptying of the dumpsters. We certainly hope everyone notices the lack of trash in our neighborhood and in our streets and alleys.

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### POLICE RIDE ALONG

by Tom Rose

First, I'd like to thank our Chairman, Jim Windorski for unselfishly relinquishing his seat and inviting me to participate in one of the most successful programs OPD offers. After a brief introduction we were off to the nerve center of the 911 operation. Located two stories below the City-County Building, all of the police, fire, and rescue squads are dispatched. My first impression was the professional attitude and sincere involvement these civilian employees project. The room is surprisingly quiet, with low level lighting and if mellow jazz were played in the background, it would not have surprised me.

Next, two of the officers divided our group of four into two groups of two each. After realizing that we were not going to participate in a full-fledged shootout, capture criminals, or make a drug bust, we settled back while our police representative Marlin McClarty taught us several codes used by officers on the radio. The rest of the night (which was a slow night) we drove around trying to focus in on some action. It didn't take long. Several police units were on the scene of a crack-bust when we arrived. We listened to Marlin describe what protocol was used to insure themselves a good case in court.

In my opinion, Officer McClarty is a true professional and is an asset to his department, our city, and to all people in our society whom we constantly depend on to protect our kids and our lives. This ride along program has shown me a new perspective of our fine police department. But also it taught me that police officers have the hardest job in the world.

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NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS - WHERE TO CALL

Air Pollution Control.....	444-5378
Animal Control(Strays, bites, sick or injured)...	571-0501
Cars or Trailers on Lawn.....	444-5364
Chuck Holes.....	444-4919
Code Enforcement.....	444-5371
Curb Repair.....	444-4919
Emergency Home Repairs.....	444-5489
Garbage Collection & Disposal (Watts Truck Line)...	592-7310
Handy-man Program (Senior Citizens-Handicapped)...	444-5219
Housing Discrimination.....	444-5055
Junk Cars on Street.....	444-5782
Mayor's Action Office (City services & Complaints)...	444-5555
Neighborhood Watch Program.....	444-5772
Property Taxes.....	444-7272
Property Ownership.....	444-7162
Rodent Control.....	444-7975/7659
Sewer Problems.....	444-5332
Sign Ordinance Information.....	444-5363/5364
Street Maintenance.....	444-4919
Street Sign Down.....	444-5160
Telephone Repair.....	611
Traffic Signal Not Working.....	444-5160
Trees, downed limbs on city right of way.....	444-4919
Trees (Disease, advice on landscaping, maintenance)...	444-5925
Utilities: Downed electrical wires, street light..	554-6773
Gas leak, water leak or outage.....	554-7777
Unsafe or Dangerous Building or House.....	444-5371
Weeds and Litter.....	444-5910
Yard Litter(unsanitary Conditions).....	444-7481/7482
Zoning Enforcement.....	444-5364
Zoning Information.....	444-5214
Subby Anzaldo, City Councilman District #3.....	444-5525
Creighton University (Problems with loud parties)	
Stephanie Wernig.....	280-2718
Jana Martin.....	280-1784
Drug Activity, Narcotics Department.....	444-5681

Give your neighbors a chance to join the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association.

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GIFFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL DUES \$3.00 PER PERSON

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